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Old Police Patrolling GARUDA vehicles scrapped

12 out of 18 junked; only six in service now

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&BCT)- The iconic Garuda quick response vehicles of the Mysuru City Police are being phased out, marking the end of an era in fast Police response.

Of the 18 Mahindra Bolero jeeps in the fleet, 12 have already been withdrawn from service and parked at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Grounds at the foot of Chamundi Hill for the past two months, awaiting disposal to scrap yards.

Now, only six Garuda vehicles remain in operation within city limits, but these too are expected to be decommissioned within the next six months as they are nearing 15 years.

For years, 'Garuda' had become synonymous with swift Police action in Mysuru and the phasing out of these vehicles signals the close of a chapter in city policing.

The phased-out Garuda quick response vehicles parked at the City Armed Reserve Grounds.

The move comes in compliance with the Government of India's Vehicle Scrappage Policy, which mandates that both private and Government vehicles undergo a fitness test after 15 years of registration.

The Supreme Court has upheld this policy, citing environmental and safety concerns. According to Motor Vehicle laws, a vehicle older than 15 years typically emits more pollutants and poses greater risks on the road.

(See GARUDA on page 6)

"We have not used the 15-year-old Garuda vehicles even for a single day after they were deemed unfit and we have strictly adhered to the rules, as we have to enforce the law. As of now, we have a fleet of 33 patrol vehicles — including six Garuda jeeps, seven Highway Patrol vehicles and 20 Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112) vehicles. There is no shortage of patrolling vehicles and all will be effectively utilised for city surveillance and crime control."

—Seema Latkar, Mysuru City Police Commissioner

KRS Dam Amusement Park project

Tender floated for 33-ft bronze Cauvery Statue

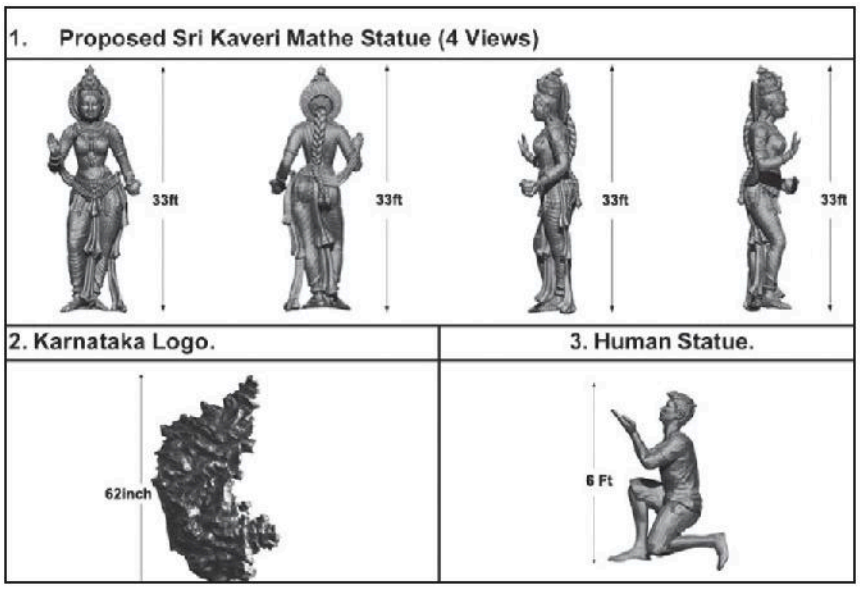
Kushalnagar, June 8 (AG& BCT)- Despite strong protests from farmers and farmers' organisations against the proposed Amusement Park at Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya district, the State Government has invited quotations for the installation of a bronze Goddess Cauvery (Kaveri) statue.

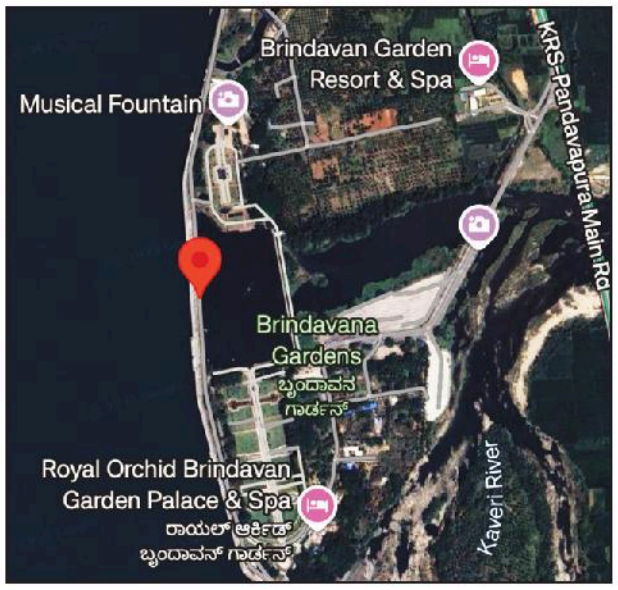
This Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Amusement Park project, planned to span 198 acres, includes a variety of attractions such as water parks, roller coasters, a Goddess Cauvery statue and even a penguin park.

The Government has allocated Rs. 92 crore for the Cauvery Aarti and a staggering Rs. 2,663 crore for the Amusement Park — both projects facing strong opposition from farmers.

Downstream of KRS Dam

The Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Mandya Division, has floated a tender for erecting a 33-ft tall statue downstream of the KRS Dam. The specifications have been published in newspapers as part of the tender process.





The design of the Cauvery statue that has been approved by the State Government. It will feature a 6-ft tall human figure shown in prayer before the Goddess and two 62-inch embossed Karnataka State logos. Picture right shows the location where the 33-ft Cauvery statue will come up as per the coordinates mentioned in the PWD tender document.

Quotations have been invited from authorised dealers and suppliers for the statue's installation. Eligible firms must submit their price quotations by June 12, 2025.

The prices quoted will be used exclusively to estimate the project's cost.

PWD officials informed *Star of Mysore* that this is an unconventional project for the Department, marking the first time it is undertaking a statue installation of this nature.

(See TENDER on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 8th June 2025

Coaching for KAS aspirants

K.A. Dayanand

P.A. Seema

R. Aishwarya

Mysuru, June 8- The valedictory of the 50-day coaching class for Civil Services/ KAS exams, organised by the KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre, will be held at Cauvery auditorium in Muktagangothri campus on Hunsur Road at 11 am on June 10.

Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) Commissioner K.A. Dayanand, Nagarahole Project Tiger Director P.A. Seema and Kodagu Additional DC R. Aishwarya will take part in the programme and release 'Muktabhandara' study book.

KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase will preside.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE TIMELESS APPEAL OF ASCETICISM: *The growing desire for detox — digital and otherwise — fasting and the preference for experiences other than the material may suggest an inherent propensity for austerity and asceticism. More so when the young and successful are turning towards it. When done with a view to personal physical or mental benefits, it remains a desire and often an expensive one. It generates a demand that is catered to by a plethora of services and goods termed spiritual, lifestyle or self-help. This commercialisation may dilute the quality of the process, but it does not take away from the fact that in all cultures austerity and asceticism have a transformative role.*

In ancient India, tapas, or the restraint observed for salvation, was rigorous and conferred powerful benefits. Even as it came with a caveat not to misuse the power, it did become an instrument of control. Religions often imposed ritualistic austerity. The Samurai in Japan and the sages in India had a huge impact on culture, morality, and ethics. Martyrdom in Christianity was honourable, and when it became an individual's preferred way of life, it was associated with a superior mind.

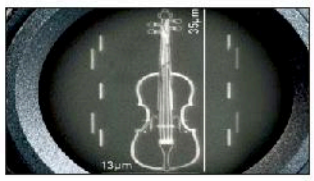
Many philosophers from Socrates to Einstein led simple lives. Artists like Michelangelo looked on poverty as a virtue and an impetus to creativity. Plato in the classic Republic considered asceticism a necessary requirement for a philosopher. Even more interesting is the idea that such a preference could be integrated into a form of protest. Gandhi believed that a proposition became more persuasive if the person making it did not stand to benefits from it being accepted. He went on to argue that sacrifices would add further credibility to the argument. He made his case for being seen by rural Indians as their representative by abandoning the lifestyle of a lawyer. He used to fast as a means of conveying that he was ready to sacrifice his life for a cause. His concept of trusteeship saw the capitalist as no more than the trustee of capital, just as the labourer was the trustee of his labour.

In today's world plagued by overconsumption, mental health issues and the degradation of the environment, can austerity put the world back on track? Doing with less could make redistribution a smoother process. If less is actually more, the time spent on being acquisitive and the stress in protecting the acquisition can be freed and made available for more meaningful activity.

— Jamuna Rao in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

This violin can't be seen without a microscope



London: A team of physicists from a British university used nanotechnology to create what they dubbed "the world's smallest violin," an instrument that can't be seen without a microscope.

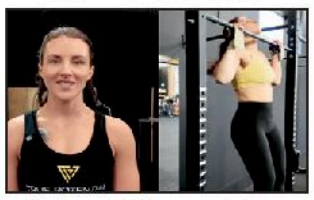
The Loughborough University team said the platinum violin measures 35 microns — a measurement unit equal to one millionth of a meter — long, and 13 microns wide.

The violin is smaller than the diameter of a human hair, which ranges from 17 to 180 microns. Tardigrades, eight-legged micro animals, measure between 50 to 1,200 icrons long.

The researchers created the minute musical instrument to demonstrate the abilities of their new nanolithography system, technology that allows scientists to build and study nanoscale objects and structures.

The instrument was chosen as a play on the phrase, "Can you hear the world's smallest violin playing just for you?"

Woman does 7,079 pull-ups in 24 hours



Sydney: A 34-year-old woman smashed the Guinness World Record for the most pull-ups performed by a woman in 24 hours by doing a whopping 7,079 pull-ups.

Olivia Vinson put the old record for most pull-ups by a woman in 24 hours to shame would be an understatement, considering that the fitness enthusiast nearly doubled it.

The achievement began as a wild proposition from her husband and coach, and even though initially she just laughed at the idea of challenging a world record, it eventually started to make sense.

Olivia trained for 3 months before taking on the challenge last year, but 12 months into her attempt, she pulled a bicep tendon, which rendered her unable to perform pull-ups anymore. But after healing, she was back to breaking the Guinness World Record.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Infertility is common today as we are getting older with careers. Plan your pregnancy on time.

By Dr. Shaheen Akthar, Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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Hon. Doctorate conferred

In recognition of her social work, Shashikala Nagaraj, President of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Residential High School, Doddebagilu, T. Narasipur, Mysuru, was awarded Hon. Doctorate by Southwestern American University at a ceremony in New Delhi recently. She is also the Treasurer of District Horticulture Society and President of Federation of Mysore Petroleum Traders. Global Achievers Council Chairman R. Selvam, Akhil Bhartiya Kshatriya Mahasabha National President Dr. Raja Manvendra Singh, Maharashtra MLA Dharamrao Baba Atram, Supreme Court Advocate Somnath Bharti, Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha National President Munna Kumar Sharma, Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee General Secretary Dr. Anurudh Lal, retd. Dy.SP Vinod Kumar and Kerala's Muhammad Musabi Salem were present on the occasion.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **108.15 feet**	Today's level **2,279.36 feet**	Today's level **2,851.54 feet**
Last year's level **84.95 feet**	Last year's level **2,261.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,824.50 feet**
Yesterday's level **107.98 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,279.79 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,851.50 feet**
Today's Inflow **2,967 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **2,292 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **1,127 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **876 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **5,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,000 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A vampire bat's teeth are so sharp that its bite may not be felt at all. Their saliva dulls any pain, so a bat may drink its victim's blood for up to 30 minutes.*
- *Hippos' closest living relatives are the aquatic mammals: whales, dolphins and porpoises.*
- *When they find a source of water, wild Bactrian (two-humped) camels will drink as much as 50 litres (88 pints). They will even drink salty water, unlike other mammals.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

When my brother came back from his first day in school, mother asked him:

"Have you learnt a lot today?"

*"Not much," **he replied.***

"I'll have to go back tomorrow."

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 85.79**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 115.72**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.36**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 97.80**

VOICE OF THE READER

It's a blot on reputed engineers of Mysuru

Sir,

Apropos the news item titled ***"To restore or raze? INTACH surveys Lansdowne Building"*** (*Star of Mysore* dated May 31, 2025), I, as an engineer, feel deeply saddened that this issue has now reached the Supreme Court for a final verdict.

Mysuru's engineers are renowned across India and abroad, having carved a distinguished reputation globally. We proudly inherit the legacy of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the legendary engineer-statesman of international acclaim from Karnataka.

It is disheartening that a matter of whether to raze or restore a heritage structure has landed in Court — an issue that is fundamentally an engineering one. This reflects poorly on the competence, credibility and problem-solving ability of Mysuru's engineering community.

By pushing the matter into the legal domain, we inadvertently undermine our own professional capacity. It raises the unfortunate impression that we are incapable of resolving a technical issue through engineering expertise.

It also appears that the Government, perhaps due to vested interests or administrative apathy, has chosen to wash its hands of the matter by referring it to the Court, thus conveniently postponing a decision that has been kept in cold storage for years under various pretexts.

—H.R. Bapu Satyanarayana
Saraswathipuram
31.5.2025

Deputy Commissioner to head Mysuru Development Authority

Lakshmikanth

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&DM)- With the Government yet to name a non-official personality to head the newly formed Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) — earlier Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) — Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy will head the MDA as its Chairman.

The Urban Development Department had issued an order in this regard over 10 days ago, it is learnt.

Lakshmikanth Reddy, in his capacity as the Deputy Commissioner, will concurrently hold charge as the Chairman of Mysuru Development Authority until the Government nominates a personality to head the Authority.

District in-Charge Secretary tells officials to act swiftly on projects amid rains

Selvakumar

Mysuru, June 8 (TRR)- S. Selvakumar, District in-Charge Secretary and Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Administrator, has directed district officials to prepare timely action plan reports based on available grants, secure prompt approvals and expedite the execution of development works.

"With the onset of the rainy season, focus must shift towards villages. Start implementing the necessary works immediately," Selvakumar instructed the officials. He was speaking at a Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) progress review meeting, which he presided over at the Zilla Panchayat Auditorium in the city recently.

Highlighting that the State Government has allocated departmental grants, Selvakumar stressed that officials must prepare Plans of Action accordingly, obtain approvals without delay and avoid seeking clearances at the end of the financial year.

Selvakumar urged officials to take all precautionary measures, noting that heavy rains are being reported across the State.

K.H. Ravi, Joint Director of Agriculture Department, informed the meeting that the district received above-average rainfall in May. "The average rainfall for May is 106 mm, but this year we recorded 167 mm — a 56 percent increase. The last week of May saw particularly heavy showers. Between January and May, the district received 260 mm of rainfall, against the normal 195 mm. So far, 39 percent of sowing has been completed. The remaining activity will resume once the rains subside," he said.

B. Rangegowda, Joint Director of Social Welfare Department, reported 90 percent of SC Internal Reservation survey has been completed in district. The survey covering 1,39,900 SC families and 5,300 non-SC families have been successfully conducted. Meeting also witnessed a moment of embarrassment when an official from Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department struggled to respond to queries.

Stinking old RMC emits threat of epidemic

Mysuru, June 8 (MK&BS)- Heaps of rotten fruits left uncleared at the premises of old RMC on Bamboo Bazar Road in city, poses a threat of spreading epidemic, with the intermittent rainfall in the wake of advanced south west monsoon set to aggravate the situation further.

The market having over 150 stalls mainly dealing with wholesale fruit business, has turned into a stinking spot, due to the complete failure in disposing the waste, rotten and leftover fruits, in a totally scientific manner.

Despite submitting umpteen memoranda to the authorities concerned, there is no reprieve yet, with the officials and contractors being nonchalant, showing no sign of responding to the grievance.

Most of the market yard is replete with overflowing UGD water and heaps of rotten fruits, making it difficult for the vendors and customers alike to hold their nostrils for five to 10 minutes, said a merchant, who expressed his regret, adding there is no escape from this decrepit condition.

> It is natural that, the wholesale market produces heaps of waste, but a mechanism for timely disposal of waste should be put in place effectively. In the case of Old RMC, even after two to three days, there is no sign of clearing the waste. The old tractors that are meant to be condemned and sent to scrap yards are being deployed to load the waste. They frequently break down, forcing the merchants at the market to conduct business amidst putrefied smell and waste daily.
>
> **—An aggrieved merchant**

The inexplicable situation is mainly attributed to the lack of clarity on actual contractor, with one who is believed to have secured the contract for disposing the waste, passing the buck on other two contractors, whenever a request is made to attend to the complaint, rued some of the stall owners.

Strangely, the whole market premises reeks of pungent smell, but the officers are sitting pretty confining themselves to their chamber, leaving the merchants, the stakeholders of Old RMC to suffer to no end.

Open drain invites danger

The slab of a big drainage that passes through the heart of Old RMC has been removed inviting danger. The sewage water that flows from Railway Station side is surmised to be the reason behind the clogging of drainage network, prompting the authorities to remove the slabs to clean the drainage line. Any minute error on the part of two-wheeler riders visiting the market, may land them right in the drainage.

Residents slam MCC over flooding, encroachments, gross neglect

Mysuru, June 8 (SPN&BCT)- As the monsoon sets in, city residents have voiced growing frustration over the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) failure to implement proactive flood prevention and urban maintenance measures.

Repeated flooding in low-lying areas has become an annual ordeal, with clogged drains and delayed civic responses leaving citizens vulnerable and angry.

Same story every monsoon

Despite numerous complaints, clogged roadside drains continue to choke water flow across major city roads. Areas near Moulana Abul Kalam Circle (Highway Circle) on New Sayyaji Rao Road, and the areas adjacent to the City Bus Stand, routinely turn into cesspools after heavy rains.

According to Bhanu Prashant, a member of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), stagnant water often mixes with untreated sewage, posing grave health risks to surrounding residents.

While affected citizens report such flooding to MCC Control Room, the emergency response is reactionary and pre-emptive solutions remain elusive. Locals say that while emergency teams do arrive, the root causes — blocked drains and poor planning — are never addressed.

Poornaiah Canal: A neglected lifeline

The 22-km-long historic Dewan Poornaiah Canal, a critical rainwater source for Kukkarahalli Lake, is steadily disappearing. Environmentalists and MGP members have repeatedly called for its preservation. However, the State Government has allegedly turned a blind eye.

Encroachments under the guise of service infrastructure and even burial grounds have taken over canal lands. In a move criticised by conservationists, authorities sanctioned the construction of a narrow concrete drain instead of restoring the Canal, ignoring long-term sustainability in favour of a short-term fix.

Tree felling at will

MGP members have also condemned the Forest Department's unchecked tree-cutting in city limits. Permissions are reportedly granted for minimal pruning, but entire trees are felled, often without MCC's knowledge.

Despite repeated appeals, authorities have failed to curb this indiscriminate deforestation, worsening the city's environmental degradation.

Yadavagiri drain blocked, silt not removed

In Yadavagiri, a major storm-water drain (Raja Kaluve) remains blocked and silt removal is pending. MCC officials have not taken any action despite growing threat of flooding in the locality, residents allege.

While Central and State-funded UGD and water pipeline projects were completed months ago in almost all areas, roads dug up during installation remain un-restored. As monsoon rains approach, pothole-ridden roads have become a hazard—especially for two-wheeler riders.

For example, outside Nrupatunga Educational Institution — where Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah serves as Hon. President — UGD works wrapped up long ago.

Yet, the road has not been relaid. The same is true near Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar, and multiple other areas where residents have waited nearly a year for proper asphalt covering.

"It's inexcusable that the roads haven't been restored even after a year," said social activist M.S. Satyananda Vittal, warning that the situation will deteriorate further during the rains.

Chaos at K.R. Circle

K.R. Circle, a central node linking key public institutions and markets, is in disarray due to rampant footpath encroachments by vendors. Pedestrians navigate dangerous narrow paths while contending with public nuisance and harassment.

MGP members report that Devaraja Police Station records 1-2 Non-Cognizable Reports (NCRs) daily for harassment and unruly behaviour in the area. Yet, authorities have failed to enforce order. According to MGP, the silence of MCC and law enforcement is enabling the lawlessness.

When questioned, MCC Commissioner Sheikh Tanveer Asif admitted that temporary solutions can be introduced and MCC cannot remove all vendors from K.R. Circle, citing practical challenges.

On a positive note, UGD and storm-water drain cleaning have been ongoing for the past month across many MCC wards, excluding some revenue layouts. However, public patience is wearing thin over slow progress and civic inaction in key zones.

Stampede at Chinnaswamy Stadium

CID probe begins

Bengaluru, June 8 (BS)- Criminal Investigation Department (CID) that has been handed over the probe into the stampede at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here recently, that claimed 11 lives, began its investigation into the incident yesterday.

The State Government has handed over the probe to its own investigation agency, in parallel to the Magisterial Inquiry headed by Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner and Judicial Inquiry, into the worst ever tragedy reported in the recent times.

CID Superintendent of Police (SP) Shubanvita is heading the probe team, with the Dy.SPs Gowtham and Purushotham, named as the Investigation Officers (IO). The team inspected Gate Nos. 7, 19, 18, 16 and 21, where the stampede occurred as lakhs of fans had gathered to take part in the victory celebration of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB), following the domestic team's win against Punjab Kings (PBKS) in the recently concluded 18th edition Indian Premier League (IPL) Cricket Tournament.

Three top honchos, associated with DNA Management and the Marketing Head of RCB, have been arrested and remanded to Judicial Custody. Meanwhile, the Police are making preparations to take them into their custody on body warrant, with the Court expected to resume the hearing tomorrow (June 9).

Bengaluru Urban DC J. Jagadish, who is conducting the Magisterial Inquiry, has already visited M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, and inspected the spots where commotion occurred ending up with stampede. He has also collected the investigation report over those injured in the melee from Bowring Hospital, Fortis, Manipal and Vydehi Super Speciality Hospital. The number of admissions, discharges and deaths, the reason for death and other allied matters have all been collected by the Bengaluru Urban DC, from the hospitals.

Besides, the Bengaluru Urban DC has also served a notice to over 25 injured persons, to record their statements related to the reasons that caused stampede.

Strangely, it has also come to fore that, the Government concealed actual facts related to injured persons, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the media briefing held after the incident, asserted that '11 people have died and 47 have been left injured in the incident.' In reality, there were 11 deaths and 65 injured and treated at various hospitals in the city. While two of the injured persons are still undergoing treatment at Bowring Hospital, the remaining have been discharged. The duo are degree students and residents of K.R. Puram and Chikkaballapur respectively, who have suffered fracture in leg.

America's Coco Gauff clinches maiden French Open title

Outplays World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka in finals

Coco Gauff posing with the trophy during awarding ceremony after the Women's Singles final at Paris yesterday.

Paris, June 8- On the clay courts of Roland Garros, America's World No. 2 Coco Gauff has made history by becoming the new Champion of French Open.

For the first time in seven years, the world's top two players, World No. 1 and World No. 2, faced off in the final.

In the thrilling final played on the clay courts, America's Coco Gauff defeated Sabalenka 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 to claim her first French Open and second Grand Slam Singles title.

M. Granollers & H. Zeballos win Men's Doubles

Veterans Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos won the French Open doubles final on Saturday for their first major title together, and at the combined age of 79. Granollers, a 39-year-old from Spain, and his 40-year-old Argentine partner played in their fourth Grand Slam final as a pairing, but first at the clay-court major. They defeated British pair Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski 6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-5.

Horacio Zeballos and Marcel Granollers posing with the trophy during the awarding ceremony.

C. Narayanagowda conferred 'Atithya Ratna' award

Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda, who was conferred with State-level 'Atithya Ratna' award at a programme organised at FKCCI auditorium in Bengaluru recently, is seen with Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, MLA and former Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, Karnataka State Hotel Owners' Association President G.K. Shetty and others.

Mysuru, June 8 (DM)- Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association President C. Narayanagowda was conferred with the prestigious State-level 'Atithya Ratna' award at a programme organised recently at the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) auditorium in Bengaluru, marking the 70th anniversary of Karnataka State Hotel Owners Association.

Speaking after receiving the award, Narayanagowda said that though he had kept himself away from awards, he felt like receiving a Padma award, with the State Hotel Owners' Association honouring him for his contribution to the hotel industry and social service. Stating that joy has no bounds if one is wholly satisfied in his/her work or profession, he thanked the Karnataka State Hotel Owners' Association for the award.

The award that he has got cannot be valued as it is given out of affection towards him, he said adding, "I dedicate this award to all my friends in the hotel industry. Our goals can be achieved only through courage, after overcoming all hurdles and challenges. Along with affection, confidence takes us on the path of reaching our goal. Young entrepreneurs and businessmen should understand this and move forward in their profession."

Hotel Owners' Association State Vice-President Ravi Shastri said that the first step towards achievement is generally inspired at paying back to the society. Pointing out that there will be a lot of hardwork, dedication and determination behind any achievement, he said that it is a matter of pride for hoteliers that Narayanagowda has been conferred with the prestigious award. He wished Narayanagowda more such awards in the future.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji graced the occasion.

FRENCH OPEN

ROLAND GARROS PARIS

TODAY'S MATCHES (JUNE 8)

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: FINALS

Aleksandra Krunić & Anna Danilina **Vs** 2 Jasmine Paolini & Sara Errani **2.30 pm**

MEN'S SINGLES: FINALS

1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 2 Carlos Alcaraz **6.30 pm**

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Fast-track pending Railway projects, maintain quality

Union Minister of State V. Somanna reviews Railway projects in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 8 (GA&BCT)- Union Minister of State for Railways V. Somanna has stressed the need for uncompromising quality and timely execution of railway projects.

He was speaking at a review meeting of South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, held at the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Conference Hall in city this morning. Addressing DRM Mudit Mittal and other senior officials, the Minister emphasised that delays, inefficiency or lack of professionalism would not be tolerated.

"The Railway Department may not depend on any one individual, but it is indispensable to everyone. Officials must work with discipline and treat people with respect," he said.

The DRM briefed the Minister on the ongoing Rs. 439.3 crore project to expand Mysuru Railway Station with five new platforms, subways, skywalks and other passenger-friendly facilities.

Minister V. Somanna (second from left) seen during the review meeting of SWR, Mysuru Division, in city this morning.

Land acquisition delay at Naganahalli

A key issue discussed was the delay in acquiring 8 acres and 29 guntas of land for the proposed Naganahalli Railway Yard. Somanna assured that he would take up the matter with the State Government to resolve bottlenecks.

Taking note of non-Kannada-speaking officials in Karnataka, Somanna questioned why some hadn't learned the local language despite working in the State for years. "I learnt Hindi in three months and use it fluently. It's time officials learn Kannada too — it helps in better communication," he said.

Rs. 39,000 crore investment in Karnataka

Highlighting the Centre's commitment to rail development in Karnataka, Somanna revealed that Rs. 39,000 crore is being invested in 13 major projects.

These include long-pending lines like Rayadurga-Tumakuru (Rs. 2,500 crore, completion by 2027), Tumakuru-Davangere and Kudachi-Gadag. He also spoke of the Green Corridor project in Tumakuru, which integrates railway tracks with industrial zones to reduce logistics costs. On the delay in electrifying the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar line, Somanna acknowledged the issue and assured officials that he would look into it and speed up the process.

Somanna revealed that projects like the Mysuru-Kushalnagar and Chamarajanagar-Hejjala railway lines were previously declared unviable by the State Government. "Despite discussions with Chamarajanagar MP Sunil Bose and his father, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, there has been no progress. I will speak to the Chief Minister directly within 15 days," he said.

On the expansion of the Yadgir railway bogie factory, originally set up by Mallikarjun Kharge, Somanna said that the Government has now sanctioned Rs. 200 crore to scale operations. He added that pending underpass and other infrastructure works across the State would be completed "beyond political or caste boundaries."

Garuda vehicles

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With the entire Garuda fleet having completed 15 years and being in poor condition, the Regional Transport Office (RTO) has ruled out issuing Fitness Certificates (FC). As a result, all phased-out vehicles will be sold as scrap.

Police officials are now looking at alternatives for future patrols, as the city bids farewell to the familiar Garuda jeeps that once symbolised rapid response and visible law enforcement.

The Garuda patrol vehicles, instantly recognisable with their sirens and markings reading 'Garuda Police' and 'Dial 100,' are equipped with essential policing tools. Each vehicle carries a stretcher, a first aid kit and features a unique contact number printed on its exterior for quick accessibility.

Assigned a jurisdiction of two to three kilometres, these vehicles are designed for rapid response. Once a call is received at the Control Room, identifying the nearest Garuda vehicle and alerting it typically takes between five to eight minutes. The vehicle itself can reach the scene within five minutes, ensuring prompt intervention.

Each Garuda unit is manned by a team comprising one Head Constable and two Constables, trained to patrol their designated zones, enhance Police visibility and prevent crime.

In addition to the six remaining Garuda vehicles within city limits, Mysuru also has 20 vehicles under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS-112) deployed at key locations, along with seven Highway Patrol Vehicles. Altogether, 33 patrol vehicles are currently operational across the city, providing surveillance, emergency response and crime deterrence.

MLA inaugurates new office of Ursu Mahamandali

Mysuru, June 8 (BLU&DM)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurated the new office of the city's Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable (KUMC) Trust located on the first floor of Vivekananda Hall, No. 435, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Gokulam 3rd Stage here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Harishgowda said that one day is not enough for explaining the contributions, works and deeds of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar for the overall welfare of the State and the society.

Maintaining that Nalwadi is largely responsible for the people of Mysuru to lead a peaceful and contentful life, he highlighted the achievements of the erstwhile Mysuru ruler.

Calling the city's noted entrepreneur Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy as a landmark of business in Mysuru, the MLA said that the senior entrepreneur is making all efforts for the growth of industry and development in Mysuru. Expressing confidence that the KUMC Trust will be of much benefit to the community, especially the younger and future generations, he said that Pratibha Puraskar programme is aimed at inspiring the students further.

Stressing on the need for acquiring the latest skills, in keeping with the advancements in Science and Technology as it holds key for growth in the profession, Harishgowda said, he had urged the Government in the previous Legislature Session for imparting skills training to students soon after PUC.

The students, who received Pratibha Puraskar by Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable (KUMC) Trust in city this morning, are seen with MLA K. Harishgowda and other dignitaries.

Bemoaning that the highly educated too are finding it difficult to get jobs today, he maintained that one can acquire knowledge about different things and learn life skills by being associated with elders and knowledgeable persons.

KUMC Trust President B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, who presided, explained in detail about the formation of the Trust and its growth over the years. Lauding the help rendered by philanthropist entrepreneur Dr. Jagannath Shenoy, he said that he is a model to others in generosity and philanthropy.

Stating that is important for everyone to contribute to the society, Urs said, he was ready to quit if a responsible member of the community shows interest in taking forward the Trust.

More than 20 meritorious students of Ursu community who scored high marks in SSLC and PUC were presented Pratibha Puraskar on the occasion.

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Managing Trustee of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works, in his address, said that the almighty will give us four times the wealth if we do social service.

Stating that children will watch the social service of their parents, he said that this will inspire them to tread in the path of parents. Bemoaning that many children who have settled abroad, urge their parents to join them abroad after selling properties here, he said that such action will make the parents feel like jail birds abroad.

"It is important to impart education that teaches our children *Samskara,* traditions and our rich heritage. The students should show keen interest in reading books and acquiring knowledge by discarding cell phones," he said adding that it is important to lead life as a good person in the society.

Former Corporator SBM Manju too spoke on the occasion.

Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable Trust Hon. President M.L. Basavaraje Urs and others were present.

MGP slams illegal drain work in Poornaiah Canal

Court case pending, yet KRIDL pushes storm-water drain near Kudure Mala on Bogadi Road

Mysuru, June 8 (PM&BS)- The Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has objected to the ongoing works on constructing a storm-water drain right through the Poornaiah Canal, expressing apprehension over the possibilities of reducing the size of the historic Canal. The Poornaiah Canal is one of the main water inlets of the Kukkarahalli Lake. MGP Convener Bhanu Prashanth, Members Nataraj and Vishwanath, journalist G.M. Mahadev and officials inspected the storm-water drain works near Kudure Mala on Bogadi Road yesterday.

Issue pending in Court

The MGP activists termed the works as illegal, as the hearing over the encroachment of Poornaiah Canal, at Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Courts in Bengaluru, was slated for June 11. The storm-water drain works should be suspended immediately, they demanded.

Journalist Mahadev said, "I have filed a petition in the Court (LGC 237/ 2024 and 238/ 2024), but even after one year of moving the Court, the officials are delaying in submitting a report sought by the Court. Though a report was submitted by the officials earlier, the Court rejected it, asking them to submit a detailed report including the names of encroachers and the extent of encroachment."

MGP Member Nataraj said, "This particular spot near Kudure Mala is the end point of Poornaiah Canal, which is 23 km long. Three concrete divisions have been made with about 200-ft. width to facilitate the flow of Canal water through the bridge built on Bogadi Road. Now, with the storm-water drain being constructed in the centre of the Canal, it is nothing but a waste of taxpayers' money. While there is no objection to using a small portion of the land as a graveyard, the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) is constructing the drain, spending Rs. 50 lakh, which amounts to altering the course of the Canal."

Government is at fault

Strangely, a Government entity itself is at fault when they have no provision to take up the works on its own. As per the rules, KRIDL has to award the contract, but who permitted it to take up the works on Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) land? Nobody has definite answers, but they readily pass the buck to the Social Welfare Department for issuing the permission, said Nataraj, questioning the rationale behind the argument.

On March 25, 2025, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting related to the encroachment of Poornaiah Canal and constituted five different teams comprising officials from various Departments to survey the lands to assess the extent of encroachment and collect the records.

When this is the reality, KRIDL has been claiming that the permission has been given for the works, which leads to another question: How was the permission given, when the Court is still hearing the case?

As many as 46 acres of Government land available among the kharab land of Poornaiah Canal area and Canal network, has been encroached upon.

The ongoing works on storm water drain will reduce the existing size of the Canal, said Nataraj.

'Will bring to notice of Social Welfare Department'

"The objections related to storm-water drain works will be brought to the notice of the Social Welfare Department tomorrow (June 9). The works have been taken up by the Social Welfare Department at an estimated cost of Rs. 50 lakh under the Special Component Plan (SCP) in connection with the development of the burial ground near Kudure Mala."

— Vivek, Assistant Engineer, KRIDL

Development works of a burial ground

"50 years ago, there existed a burial ground in Saraswathipuram exclusively meant for Kukkarahalli residents. Following the acquisition of the burial ground by the Government, the Poornaiah Canal's embankment area was allotted as an alternative land. MCC has also provided basic infrastructural facilities. Following the stagnation of rainwater, Kukkarahalli residents submitted a memorandum, following which the works have been taken up to build a storm-water drain. We have no objection if alternative land is allotted for the same."

— M. Andani, retired BEO, President of Jai Bheem Welfare Association and Kukkarahalli resident

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Tender floated for 33-ft bronze Cauvery Statue

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"Our expertise is in roads, walls, buildings and bridges. We have never handled a project like this before and we do not have prior experience in this domain. Hence, we have called for detailed quotations specifying the composition, components, materials and other technical aspects of the statue," a PWD officer said, on condition of anonymity.

Statue project overview

According to the specifications released by the PWD, the statue will be cast, supplied, erected and fixed to reach a height of 33-ft and weigh approximately 30 tonnes, as per the approved design.

The outer surface of the statue will be constructed from smaller bronze elements assembled onto a Grade 304 stainless steel structural support, which in turn will be anchored to a central mild steel core. This core will incorporate a range of high-quality, versatile components.

The installation will also feature a 6-ft tall human figure shown in prayer before the Goddess and two 62-inch embossed Karnataka State logos. The exposed bronze surfaces will undergo a controlled oxidation process to achieve the desired appearance, followed by a polyurethane lacquer coating to ensure durability and weather resistance.

Final call by monitoring committee

The statue will be mounted on a pre-embedded mild steel base plate with bolts and an anchoring system, positioned 11-ft above ground level.

The PWD officer further clarified that the quoted rates must be inclusive of material costs, manufacturing, transport, handling, erection, finishing, supplier margins and all applicable taxes and levies.

No separate or additional payments will be made beyond the quoted amount in order to maintain transparency and avoid unforeseen costs during the execution phase.

"After receiving the quotations, a decision will be made on whether to construct a roof or cover over or beside the statue to protect it from weather-related deterioration. Maintenance will also be a key factor in this decision, as regular exposure to the elements will necessitate routine upkeep and add to the expenditure. A monitoring committee will review all aspects and take a final call," the officer added.

Reminiscing on two very rare flowering trees

PRIDE OF BURMA: *Amherstia nobilis.*

By Shanthi Ganapathy

I often spend my evenings drinking a cup of tea while reading *Star of Mysore*.

Shanthi Ganapathy

On the evening of 18th May, Dr. Javeed Nayeem's article about trees in and around Mysuru truly delighted me. The article was an awakening call for all tree-lovers in Mysuru.

As I was reading about the mention of the trees in Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala campus in Yadavagiri, I was reminded about two very rare trees in their beautiful garden.

The *Saraca indica* and *Amherstia nobilis* stand close to each other. Both have long leaves that look similar, but their flowers look very different. Alongside the picture of the flowering tree is the picture of the beautiful flowers.

Most of us know the *Saraca indica* as the Asoka tree. It is a religious tree for Hindus and Buddhists. Sita, when abducted by Ravana, was kept in a garden among groves of Asoka trees — Ashokavana.

Amherstia nobilis is a tree that came from Burma when Lady Amherstia travelled to Calcutta from Burma. It is one of the most beautiful flowering trees in the world, which is why it is also called the 'Pride of Burma.'

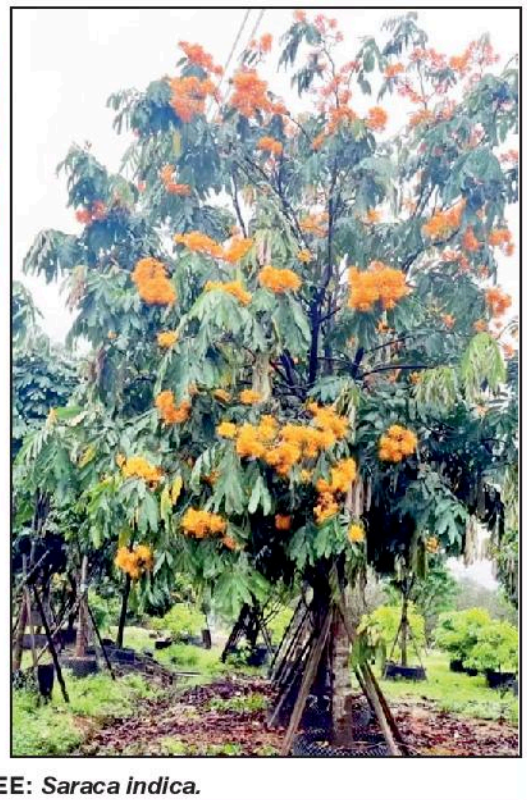
We bought a sapling of *Amherstia nobilis* from Lalbagh, Bengaluru and gave it to Acharya Vidya Kula in Yelwal to plant on their campus.

We waited 10 years for it to flower, so imagine our disappointment when it turned out to be a *Saraca indica* tree! Oh, the confusion caused by similar-looking leaves! Though we were disappointed, we were happy to know that it was a religious tree.

There is another variety of trees in the city that's not very rare, but very beautiful. These trees came to India from Central America and can be found along Valmiki Road Avenue and in many other locations around the city — the rain tree.

There is a large and handsome rain tree on the campus of Nirmala Convent. You'll often see students spending time under its vast canopy of evergreen feathery foliage and puffs of pink flowers that bloom in the spring.

It really is a beauty of a tree and I'm sure you'd like to see it the next time you're around Nirmala Convent, Mysuru.



THE ASOKA TREE: *Saraca indica.*

Inter-College Science and Technology, Literary and Cultural Fest

'Sharadothsava-2K25' held

Sarada Vilas College (SVC) Principal Dr. M. Devika presenting a memento to chief guest Prof. M. Krishnegowda during the inauguration of 'Sharadothsava-2K25' recently as SVEI Secretary R. Dinesh looks on.

Mysuru, June 8- Sarada Vilas College (SVC) had organised its flagship event 'Sharadothsava-2K25,' an Inter-College Science and Technology, Literary and Cultural Fest at the Centenary Hall of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions (SVEI) in Krishnamurthypuram recently.

Chief guest Prof. M. Krishnegowda, retired Principal, St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, a noted humourist and an alumnus of SVC, inaugurated the event.

Singer Amulya, winner of 'Ede Tumbi Haduvenu' reality show and runner-up of Zee SaReGaMaPa, launched the logo of 'Sharadothsava' which was followed by the fest and week-long programme of interclass sports and cultural competitions, Ethnic Day and culminated with valedictory of Student Forum and College Day 'Samprathibhothsava.'

Dr. M.V. Yathiraj Sharma, Head, Department of Mathematics, introduced the chief guest while Sagar, a 4th semester B.Sc student, rendered the invocation.

In his address, Prof. Krishnegowda said, "To ensure that art remains free from pettiness and exhibits refinement, every individual must possess originality. When language fails, humans turn to non-verbal art forms. In this sense, symbols, sculptures, silence, paintings, songs and music are all artistic languages."

He expressed concern that, amidst the hustle and bustle of worldly life, we are losing the subtlety, charm and depth of poetry. "Without emotional depth in humans, art cannot be born," he emphasised.

He also stated that every individual possesses an inherent creative potential that is unique. "Everyone must recognise and nurture it. Only those with relentless perseverance and high determination to strive for perfection will ultimately succeed," he added.

R. Dinesh, Hon. Secretary of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions, was the guest of honour. College Principal Dr. M. Devika presided. The event featured English Debate, Bhavageete, solo dance, Mehendi, Reels creation - A Day in the Life of a College, instrumental play, cine quiz, techno-philia, reflecting the cultural heritage and creativity of the student community.

More than 100 students from various colleges of University of Mysore, Mandya and Hassan participated in the competitions.

Winners were given cash prizes, silver medals and trophies. The host college won the rolling trophy instituted by Dr. Roshni in the name of her father Prof. Ramachandra Deva, an English Professor and a writer.

At the valedictory, prizes were distributed to winners of various competitions by Dr. M. Devika and R. Dinesha. Dr. N. Jyothi, Student Forum Coordinator, presented the report. S.N. Raj Kishore, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, compered.

Awarded the Most Trusted and Outstanding Degree College

Sarada Vilas College, Mysuru, has been awarded the prestigious title of 'Most Trusted and Outstanding Degree College of the Year - 2025' by Beginup Ventures India, during India Elite Education and Institutional Excellence Awards and Conference 2025 recently. Principal Dr. M. Devika received the award at Taj West End Hotel in Bengaluru.

Awards shouldn't be only yardstick for photos, videos

Mysuru, June 8 (BLU&DM)- Observing that getting a prize for Photos and Videos should not be the only yardstick for the profession, noted columnist G.L. Tripurantaka, who is also the Co-ordinator of Suttur JSS school, said that every photo or video should stick on to the saying that 'a single photo can explain in one go, when it takes a thousand words to explain.'

He was speaking at a professional workshop organised for media persons by Mysuru Pathrakarthara Snehakoota at the Institution of Engineers on JLB Road here yesterday.

Pointing out that quality photos and videos can be shot from today's cell phones, he said that advanced technology is helping us to take photos from minute germs to Satellites and the Moon. However, there is a general perception that the quality of photos and videos shot from cell phones are not up to the mark and this perception should go.

Stressing on the need for being naturalistic rather than going for stage management while taking photos and videos during inauguration of a programme or any other event, he said that photographers and videographers should always strive for maintaining quality.

Senior Photographer Rajaram in his speech, said that of late, newspapers are not giving much importance to photographs. Allotment of at least 40 percent of the page space for photographs, will help in making the paper more attractive and thus draw public attention.

Bemoaning that the number of readers of newspapers are decreasing, he argued that being insensitive to photographs may be one of the reasons for the decline. He expressed concern that quality is getting sacrificed because of the urgency of photographers in their race for attending a number of events or programmes. Contending that a good number of people have resorted to social media for earning money, Rajaram said that however, the social media has failed to earn the trust of viewers. It is important to note that newspapers have been successful in retaining the trust of readers for a long time and this is why newspapers have still remained very much relevant in the minds of the people.

Senior Journalists S.T. Ravikumar, Amshi Prasannakumar, C.K. Mahendra, Satyanarayana, Basavanna, Satish and others were present.

MCC raids two godowns at Santhepet

458 kgs banned plastic seized; Rs. 15,000 fine imposed

Mysuru, June 8 (PM&KS)- The officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zone-6, conducted raids on two godowns at Santhepet, and seized a total of 458 kgs of banned plastic, besides imposing a total fine of Rs. 15,000.

The officials, who began conducting inspections of godowns from 12 noon till 4 pm yesterday, found 280 kgs of silver coated plates made from banned plastic at the godown belonging to Ramdev Bags.

Later, when the MCC officials raided the godown of Balaji Marketing, they found 178 kgs of covers manufactured using the banned plastic, and seized a total of 458 kgs of banned plastic from both the godowns.

MCC Zone 6 Environmental Engineer Mythri, who led the raids told *Star of Mysore* that all godowns at Santhepet were inspected during which items manufactured using banned plastic were seized. As the banned item was found for the first time at godown of Ramdev Bags, Rs. 5,000 fine was imposed on the owner.

She further said that the banned plastic items were found for the second time at the godown of Balaji Marketing and the owner was imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000.

MCC Zone-6 Zonal Commissioner Pratibha, Health Inspectors Krishna, Manjukumar and others took part in the operation.

Man found hanging at Brindavan Layout

Mysuru, June 8 (KS)- An unidentified man was found hanging from a tree, inside a park at Brindavan Layout 1st Stage on June 6, in V.V. Puram Police limits in the city.

The deceased is aged between 30 and 35 years and was found hanging using a telephone cable from a *Honge* tree.

The Police, who questioned some of the people who were present at the spot, came to know that the man was found consuming liquor near Suprabhata Bar at about 7.15 am.

The deceased is 5.5 ft. tall, round faced, oily red complexioned, normal built, sports beard and moustache, has a tattoo of a lion's face and Veera Madakari-like tattoo on his left hand and was wearing a blue and black coloured jerkin, yellow T-Shirt and blue coloured track pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Online fraud: Elderly citizen among two cheated of over Rs. 22 lakh

Mysuru, June 8 (KS)- In separate cases, online fraudsters have cheated two persons including a senior citizen to the tune of Rs. 22,56,650 in city.

In the first case, a 60-year-old resident of Bogadi, was befriended by a man on Facebook on Mar. 23. The man, who introduced himself as Philo Victor, told the senior citizen that he was a resident of the United Kingdom (UK) and took his (senior citizen) mobile phone number and began to send messages to him.

On May 28, Victor called the senior citizen and told him that he was in New Delhi and asked the senior citizen for some money to complete the immigration formalities and he would return the money later.

Believing him, the senior citizen transferred Rs. 10,85,900 to the bank account of Victor. After a few days the senior citizen realised that he has been cheated and lodged a complaint.

In the second case, a stranger, who befriended a 42-year-old resident of Naidu Nagar on Facebook on Apr. 10 and began to chat with the latter on WhatsApp after a few days.

After gaining his confidence, the stranger told the man that he has sent 15,000 pounds as a gift to him and he has to pay taxes to claim the gift and got a total of Rs. 11,70,750 transferred in phases from the Naidu Nagar resident.

When the stranger went incommunicado, he realised that he was cheated and lodged a complaint.

City's CEN Police, who have registered both the cases, are investigating.

Obituary

Sukanya

Mysuru, June 8- Sukanya

(80), wife of late Lakshmana Raju and a resident of Kuri Mandi, Rajendranagar in Kesare, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind one son, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Mansoor Ahmed Baig

Mansoor Ahmed Baig (40), a

resident of No. 28, 2nd Main, Subashnagar, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city yesterday. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid-e-Meraj in Subashnagar after Asar prayers, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Property Tax: MCC collects Rs. 150 crore in two months

Five percent rebate offer extended till June 30

Mysuru, June 8 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has collected Rs. 150 crore in Property Tax between April 1 and May 31 for the financial year 2025-2026, taking advantage of the 5 percent rebate facility offered to early taxpayers.

Initially, the State Government had announced the rebate only for the month of April, which alone saw collections touch Rs. 90 crore. However, in a move aimed at benefiting more property owners, the rebate period was extended until June 30.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Somasekhar said officials are expecting an additional Rs. 50 crore in collections during the remainder of the rebate period. The overall target is to collect Rs. 250 crore, and authorities are closely monitoring taxpayer response to the initiative.

To streamline the process and improve public convenience, MCC has set up temporary shelters, seating arrangements, and additional counters at all zonal offices. Staff members are actively assisting citizens by providing information and support, which has contributed to a positive response from the public, Somasekhar added.

Folk scholar Rajappa passes away

Mysuru, June 8- T.S. Rajappa (83), a folk scholar, retired researcher and a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away following age related illness at a private hospital in city yesterday.

T.S. Rajappa

He leaves behind his wife Nagamani, three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

Rajappa, who had served as a researcher in Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies for 30 years had authored over 30 literary works. He was conferred with 'Janapada Tajna' award by the State Government and was the President of the Mysuru District-level 17th Sahitya Sammelana which was held at Nanjangud on Mar. 1.

WORD OF THE DAY

Festoon

Pronunciation: fess-TOON (verb).
Meaning: Festoon usually means "to cover or decorate (something) with many small objects, pieces of paper, etc.," or "to appear here and there on the surface of." It can also mean "to hang decorative chains or strips on."
Origin: The noun festoon first appeared in the 1600s when it was used, as it still is today, to refer to decorative chains or strips hung between two points. (It can also refer to a carved, molded, or painted ornament representing such a chain.) After a century's worth of festoon-adorning, the verb festoon made an entrance, and people began to festoon with their festoons—that is, they draped and adorned with them. The verb form of festoon has since acquired additional, more general senses related not only to decorating, but to appearing on the surface of something, as in "a sweater festooned with unicorns." Perhaps unsurprisingly, this celebratory-sounding and party-associated word traces back (by way of French and Italian) to Latin festa, the plural of festum, meaning "festival."
Example: "The road was lined with ancient trees festooned with Spanish moss." — Tayari Jones, Travel + Leisure, 14 Apr. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Pentapopemptic

A person who has been divorced five times.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get Over It

Meaning: The phrase "Get Over It" means to accept something that happened in the past and move on.
Origin: When we talk about "getting over it," we're discussing finishing something — be that an illness, an emotional upset, or something else entirely. The origin of the phrase "get over it" is attested to use of the word "over" as a late 14th century meaning for "recover from." The term is first seen in literature in John Behervaise's *Thirty-six Years of Seafaring Life* published in 1839, referencing an amputation: "Such was his state that no one supposed he could ever get over it."
Example: Danny — "I'm really bummed that I lost the game last night."
Rosa — "You need to get over it and focus on winning today's game."

QUOTE BOX

Hope is the only bee that makes honey without flowers.

— Robert Green Ingersoll

RIDDLE THIS

The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?

Answer: Darkness.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Faux ___ : a social blunder?
4 Time To Go
7 French for 'who'
10 Misfortunes
12 Loire's contents
13 Major or minor in the sky?
15 Third order
17 Counting-out starter
18 Prepare for war
19 Die down or lessen
20 The head of a Bedouin family
23 Meeting point
25 Web-footed aquatic bird
26 Periods, ages
29 Japanese bucks
30 Gamble
31 American Helicopter Society
33 Seeped or oozed out
36 A swift Malay sailing boat
37 In neat order
38 Reach maturity
39 Bollywood's Alia ___
42 X-mas month
43 Prefix for wine
44 Chirpy insects
49 Hankers after
50 Pub or local
51 Sergeants, in short
52 Speck or spot
53 Enzyme suffix with a "sea" of change?
54 Sugar suffix

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

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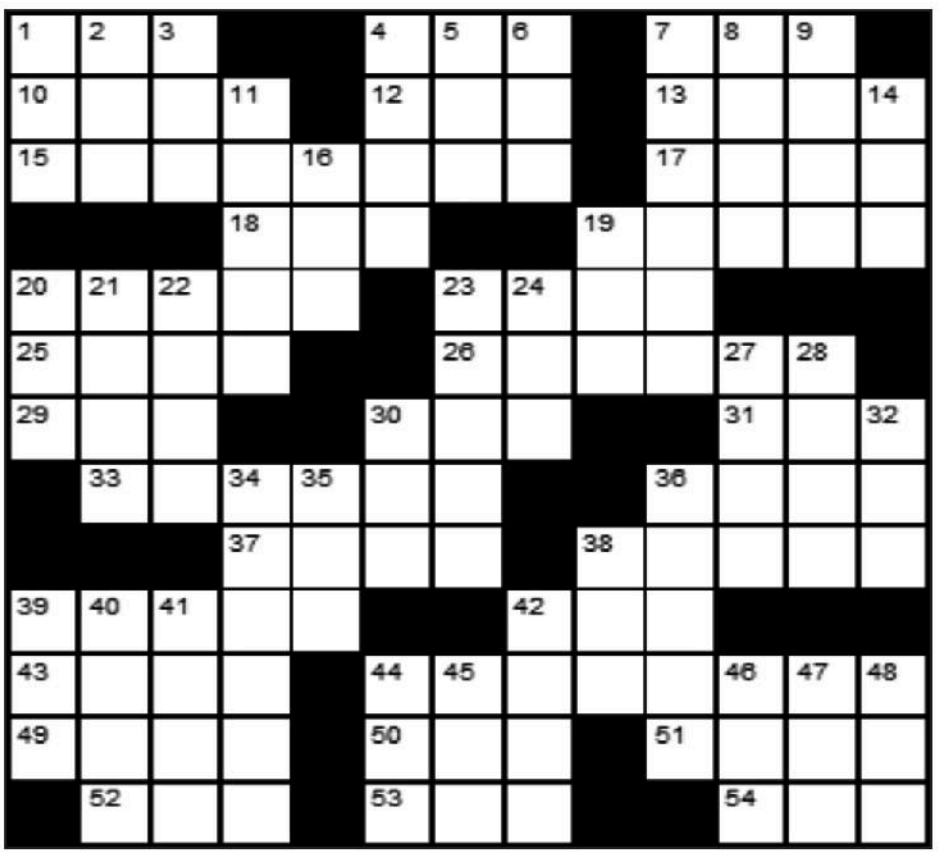
DOWN

1 Cavity or hole
2 Type of beer
3 Camera type
4 Sporting side
5 Black substance
6 Chap
7 Canadian province
8 Nitrogenous fertilizer
9 Is not, contracted?
11 Blot
14 "Yes", said the sailor?
16 Bother
19 A fuss
20 Pig-house
21 Boot part
22 Sea-eagle
23 Impoverished
24 Choose
27 Musical instrument
28 Footwear
30 Piece of furniture with mattress and coverings?
32 Sir or master or sahib in Japan
34 Give clear proof of
35 Set of tools
36 Chooses
38 Camcorder button
39 Male child
40 Take notice
41 "A" in A.D. ?
42 Eat out
44 KGB's Cold War foe
45 Health-care pros
46 Self-esteem
47 Time To Station, abbr.
48 180 degrees from NNW



SUDOKU

9	1	8						
			4					
		6	9	8			5	2
	9				6			
6	2						3	8
			1				9	
8	5			4	9	1		
					7			
						5	6	3

Answer to previous puzzle

7	4	8	1	9	6	3	2	5
9	1	6	3	5	2	8	7	4
5	2	3	4	7	8	9	1	6
3	7	4	2	1	9	5	6	8
8	9	2	7	6	5	1	4	3
6	5	1	8	4	3	2	9	7
2	8	7	6	3	1	4	5	9
1	6	5	9	8	4	7	3	2
4	3	9	5	2	7	6	8	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SML YIW WFDFX UCIW EVF

OLELXF QS EVF UIBE.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS U

Friday's Cryptoquip: Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

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Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 7.30 pm
Karate Kid Legends (E)	(S-1)	1.40 pm; (S-4) 4.45 pm
Housefull 5A (H)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Housefull 5B (H)	(S-2)	1 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
Lilo and Stitch (E-3D)	(S-2)	10.35 am, 4.30 pm
Mission: Impossible- The Final Reckoning (E)	(S-2)	6.50 pm; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Aabhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Madras Matinee (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Najuss: An Impure Story (Ma)	(S-3)	10.20 pm

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Maadeva (K)	:	4.15 pm, 7 pm

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Housefull 5B (H)	:	8.40 am, 10.45 am, 11.20 am 3.30 pm, 5.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	10.55 am, 2.45 pm
Sees Kaddi (K)	:	11 am
Madras Matinee (Ta)	:	1.35 pm
Neethi (K)	:	2 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	4.20 pm, 10 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	4.25 pm, 10.10 pm
Final Destination Bloodlines (E)	:	5.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	7.10 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	7.55 pm
Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	7.55 pm

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Housefull 5B (H)	:	12.15 pm, 2.25 pm, 2.45 pm 7.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	10.10 am, 6.55 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	12.10 pm
School Ramayana (K)	:	1 pm
College Kalavida (K)	:	4.25 pm
Chotta Mumbai (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 8)

- **I Ads and Events:** Thailand International Shopping Festival and Furniture Fair, Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, Nazarbad, **up to 8.30 pm.** [Entry tickets - Rs. 20]
- **Tholasi Jewels:** Italasi Luxe Fest, Tholasi Jewels, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **up to 8 pm.**
- **Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe:** 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Vaibhava,' artiste Nagaratna inaugurates, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm.**
- **Lions Club of Mysore West:** An evening of literature and theatre with internationally acclaimed playwright and theatre director Vijay Padaki, Vijay Padaki launches two volumes of his newly published short stories collection books (The First Offering and The Last Cheetah), Maj. Gen. (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere and Ravi Joshi, former Joint Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, guests of honour, city-based author Sujata Rajpal will be in conversation with Vijay Padaki; Theatre performance of 'Robi's Garden' by Vijay Padaki and Minti Jain (Bangalore Little Theatre), Lions Sevaniketan School, 5th Cross, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **4.30 pm.** [Mob: 98864-06726]
- **Naatya Sabha, Mysuru:** Bharatanatyam, Odissi and Kathak performances by Stuti Hegde, Preeti Bannerjee, Poojashree and Mahima Harish, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Aa Ooru Ee Ooru,' directed by Yathish N. Kollegala, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Krishna Geete' by Tiranga Theatre, Bengaluru, directed by Ambika Ediga, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangavalli Theatre Troupe:** Staging of comedy play 'Parameshi Prema Prasanga,' directed by Ravi Prasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.** [Tickets: Rs. 100]
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 9)

- **Mysuru Nagara Sri Panchacharyara Swagata Samiti:** Srimad Rambhapuri Veerasimhasanadheeshwara Sri 1008 Jagadguru Prasanna Renuka Dr. Veerasomeshwara Rajadeshikendra Shivacharya Bhagavatpadaru, Balehonnur, Ishtalinga Mahapuje, **8.30 am;** Ashirvachana and Mahaprasada, Shiva Bhavana, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **12 noon.**
- **I Ads and Events:** Thailand International Shopping Festival and Furniture Fair, Chamundi Vihar Indoor Stadium, Nazarbad, **10 am to 8.30 pm.** [Entry tickets - Rs. 20]
- **Anveshana Seva Trust and Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust:** 43rd death anniversary of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, Conferring of 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' Awards on BEML General Manager (Retd.) M. Mallaraje Urs, former Mayor Narayan, Photo Journalist S. Udayshankar, KRIDL Executive Engineer Chikkalingaiah, Divyadeepa Charitable Trust Founder M.R. Ananthkumar and Mysuru District Kannada Sahiyta Parishat Vice-President T. Thyagaraj; Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesh inaugurates, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah and Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. MGR Urs will speak about Devaraj Urs, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust Vice-President H.A. Venkatesh presides, Trust Founder Arya Amarnath Raje Urs offers floral tributes to the portrait of D. Devaraj Urs, Sandhya Suraksha Trust President Dr. B.R. Nataraj Jois chief guest, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **10.30 am.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Vijaya Vittala Vidyasamsthe, Mysuru:** Nudi-Gana Namana Programme to late Dr. H.S. Venkateshamurthy, poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali inaugurates, Vijaya Vittala Vidyasamsthe Hon. Secretary A. Vishwanath presides, Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal delivers keynote address, poetess Lavanya Prabha guest, Vijaya Vittala Vidyasamsthe, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**
- **ISKCON, Mysuru:** Panihati Chida Dahi Utsava, Maha Abhisheka, Mangalarati, Drama Performance, melodious sankirtana and delicious prasadam, Sri Dhama Hall, ISKCON premises, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**

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Housefull 5A (H)	:	8.50 am, 10.10 am, 12.15 pm 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.40 pm 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	11.55 am, 3 pm
Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)	:	1.30 pm, 7.40 pm
Karate Kid: Legends (E)	:	2.45 pm, 7.45 pm
Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (E)	:	4.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	5 pm

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Housefull 5B (H)	:	9.40 am, 3.40 pm, 10 pm
Maadeva (K)	:	11.15 am, 4.30 pm
Sanju Weds Geetha 2 (K)	:	1.40 pm
Neethi (K)	:	2.05 pm
College Kalavida (K)	:	4.25 pm
School Ramayana (K)	:	6.55 pm
Abhyanthara Kuttavaali (Ma)	:	7.20 pm
Chotta Mumbai (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

Sri Lakshminarasimha Jayanti & Swati Puja

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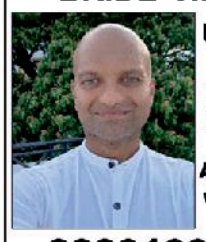
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ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ನಗರ ಪುರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಐಡಿಎಸ್ಎಂಟಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಶಿಥಿಲಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಹಳೆ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಮಳಿಗೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕುಸಿದಿರುವ ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಶೆಡ್ ನೆಲಸಮಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಬಹ್ನಾವಶೇಷಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ RFP ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಅನ್ವಯ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ 2000ರ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಡೇ ನಲ್ಕ್ ಶಾಖೆಗೆ ದತ್ತ ನಮೂದಕರನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೇವೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು/ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

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